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DIARY NOTES

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1. Messrs. Houston, Lloyd, Saunders, [] and I discussed []'s reimbursement paper. I think we were pretty well agreed that it would have been better had the committee preparing it stuck to the original problem of studying the study to include central budgeting for the Intelligence Community as a whole. I notified Dick Bissell that Ed Saunders, Larry Houston, and I were prepared to discuss the subject at his convenience.

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2. Met with Messrs. [] to discuss the move of the Office of the General Counsel within the South Building in order to make space available for the contractor to work on. Decided that it was necessary to proceed with this move and that we should not attempt to move the DD/I into the space proposed for him at this time. Have advised Larry Houston of the situation.

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3. Jim Garrison, [] briefed me on developments in connection with the new building. I agreed to push the Bureau of the Budget for a decision on the method of funding, to make arrangements to see Under Secretary of the Interior Lewis about the George Washington Memorial Parkway, and to arrange to brief Senator Byrd sometime soon.

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4. [] delivered to me certain security statistics requested by members of the Clark Committee and I have arranged to clear them with the Director prior to complying with this request.

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6. Agreed with Ed Saunders that Project [] should be carried as an obligation against the Office of the Director for the time being inasmuch as putting it elsewhere would cause speculation by too many other people.

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7. With regard to the [] deal, Larry Houston reports that following a meeting with Mr. Wisnar and a subsequent report to General Cabell it was decided not to bail [] out on this deal. Further complications from this decision might occur, but I am inclined to believe that we have probably called their bluff.

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9. I asked [Redacted] to consider the possibility of assigning Mr. [Redacted] to the Security Office.

10. I approved of a Security Office representative inspecting certain COM-INT stations for 'Ting Sheldon.

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12. Last Friday I spent an hour with [Redacted] He said that by and large members of the [Redacted] delegation were impressed with the absence of problems on their visit this year as opposed to the many which confronted them at the same time a year ago.

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a. He feels that with the exception of Logistics personnel the FE Support Command is well organized and should function fairly smoothly from now on.

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b. He points out that of thirty-one positions authorized for Logistics personnel [Redacted] only twenty of them are occupied and that only six incumbents are "career" employees. Some of the personnel are enlisted men on duty from the services who have neither the qualifications nor the interest to do a good job. The situation in all missions and stations is not good. Vernon has discussed this matter with Jim Garrison and the FE Division and believes that it should be straightened out. He anticipates, however, that it will take at least a year to get competent personnel in the various positions and "get the show on the road."

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c. He realizes that there is some question as to the necessity for machine records [Redacted] He feels very strongly that these machine records should stay there for at least another year anyway.

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13. Talked to [] about the possibility of his being assigned to [] staff and agreed that in due time, if this was what he wanted to do, I would not stand in his way. Emphasized, however, that it might be a month or two, or more, before he could possibly be released.

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14. Talked to [] about how to handle certain matters which are delegated to him personally by the Deputy Director (Plans). He proposed that they be delegated by the DD/P to the individual on my staff who would be responsible for coordinating support to the clandestine services. I told him that this appeared to be a little awkward to me and that I thought it might be better for the DD/P to place the responsibility for these matters on the DD/A but that I anticipated no problem and would be glad to do it in whatever way Mr. [] preferred. H

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15. After a brief discussion with [] General Cabell, and Dick Bissell, arranged an appointment for Hart Perry, Bureau of the Budget, to see Dick concerning the so-called "Fourth Force" paper on Wednesday at 2:15 p.m.

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